

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multiple tube catheter, such as a hemo-
dialysis catheter, has first and second tubes which are
5 attached to each other over a zone by one or more
longitudinally extending wires which joins the two tubes
over that zone. When a catheter is implanted in the
patient, the attached zone is within the patient so that
the catheter cannot be removed or advanced. When the
10 catheter is to be removed, the longitudinally extending
wire or wires are pulled proximally out of the tubes
involved so that the two tubes can be separated and
individually removed. A flexible separating prong within
the patient and proximal of the zone holds the tubes
15 apart to further assure that the catheter cannot be
moved.

09989261-112001
F002111-19268660